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Economic and Community Development Committee Minutes September 25th 2007 – 9.00am Dupage County Conference Room

Members Present: Dr Mike Colky, Lori Clark, Thomas Gary, John Grueling, Angie Powell, Harry Pestine and Kim Uhlig

Members Absent: Andre Ashmore, Joseph Balasa, Yasmin Bates, George Billows, Gideon Blustein, Bill Browne, Dr Robert Gleeson, Robin Kelly, Sean McCarthy, Jack Price, Mike Scholfield and Tom Zapler

Staff Present: Randy Blankenhorn, Bob Dean, Bola Delano and Bill Kiley

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9.20a.m.

2.0 Welcome and Introductions

All attendees introduced themselves.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved by Dr Mike Colky and seconded by Thomas Gary.

4.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

No specific changes were made but Randy Blankenhorn was in attendance and he was asked by John Grueling to give an update on the current legislation. He spoke about HB1201 which included the waste water committee and was vetoed; he informed members that Senator Halvorson would be making recommendations to override the veto. He also spoke about the FPA highlighted the importance of developing an agenda to address the issue of projects of regional significance, its impact on regional planning and developments across jurisdictions. Members were encouraged to participate in committees related to projects of regional significance. A question that needs to be answered is what is considered big? Is it identified in terms of its service i.e. inter-modal services or can it be identified as adding value to the existing process. All these considerations will assist in

shaping regional policy and providing a technical analysis and CMAP is in the process of conducting a pilot study in Rolling Meadows (transportation) and Schaumburg Land development). Kim Uhlig commended the process and mentioned that this role would be a challenge to CMAP as there was no clarity of roles, whether CMAP should be a technical advisor or referee for projects, she suggested an additional project which spans across different jurisdiction and partners and involved Higgins road, Kennedy expressway, Cumberland station and CTA.

5.0 Deputy Directors Report.

There was no detailed report but Bola Delano asked members for comments or recommendations on the technical assistance work plan. Dr. Mike Colky asked a question about potential gaps and resources available for the program.

Bola Delano responded by highlighting the process and needs in the region and confirmed that the program was part of the planning process and resources in terms of staff and programs had been allocated as part of the regional planning process.

6.0 Regional Plan

Bob Dean gave an Update on the Visioning event held on September 12, 2007. There was a really good input from all participants and staff was currently working on any new revisions that came out of the meeting. The group will be given detailed information at the October and November meetings. He also informed members that an online public survey was being developed as a follow up to the event and mentioned that it was quite evident from comments received that Freight and equity were important to the economic development committee. The next stage of the process which will involve each committee will have another look at the revised visionary statement as part of the public involvement process and by Jan 2008 the Planning coordinating committee will approve the final product.

7.0 Consultants Directory

Bill Kiley presented the Consultants Directory and gave a brief overview of how it was compiled and what it can be used for. The tool is available on line and is constantly updated. Members considered this to be a very good technical assistance tool. Some recommendations made were: to rename the directory as Consultant and Resource Directory; create a table of contents; include housing and community development information, resource data on various organization, education and economic development services.

8.0 Sub-committee Reports

i. Regional Plan Update

No report.

ii. Quality of Life Indicators

Terry Clark expressed concern that nothing had been done prior to the meeting. However in light of the comments at the meeting and work done, all quality of life indicators that will be considered in this process, should reflect national regional and local programs. He also recommended the establishment of an advisory board to ensure regional collaboration on all technical assistance efforts.

9.0 Public Comment

John Grueling expressed concern at the poor attendance and informed members that he will be writing to all members asking them to reconfirm their commitment to the committee.

10.0 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Economic and Community Development working committee is scheduled for October 23rd, 2007 at 9.00am in the CMAP offices.

11.0 Adjournment

The meeting ended at 10.05am.